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Sir:

Transmitted herewith is an Amendment for filing in the above-identified patent application.

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Respectfully submitted,

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## AMENDMENT

## PURSUANT TO REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION

(Submission under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114(c))

Dear Sir:

Applicants submit this response to the Office Action made Final and mailed on the date of January 20, 2006. This Amendment is being submitted under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 and filed concurrently with a Request for Continued Examination.

In view of the following Remarks/Arguments, Applicants respectfully request entry of this Amendment believed necessary to bring prosecution to a speedy conclusion and to deal justly by Applicants and the public. Applicants believe the Amendment provided herewith defines their invention in claims that will give them patent protection to which they are justly entitled. This 00000101 070153 Amendment does not require an additional search on the part of the Examiner. According 10615493 Applicants respectfully request reconsideration and withdrawal of the outstanding rejections and request allowance of claims pending in their Application.

Application No. 10/615,493 Amendment dated May 19, 2006 Reply to FINAL Office Action dated January 20, 2006

In response to the final Office Action, please amend the above-identified Application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims as reflected in the listing of claims beginning on page three (3) of this paper; and

Remarks/Arguments beginning on page eight (8) of this paper.